

# Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare

## update summary

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

### Attention Providers

Providers are encouraged to check the Medicaid Web site weekly at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/). Some late-breaking Updates may not have been included in this Update Summary.

### Wisconsin Medicaid Accepting Prior Authorization Requests Via the Medicaid Web Site for Additional Service Areas; Training Sessions in January and February 2005

**To:** AODA Counselors, Chiropractors, Day Treatment Providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, HealthCheck "Other Service" Providers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Institutes for Mental Disease Providers, Master's Level Psychotherapists, Medical Equipment Vendors, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Clinics, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses in Independent Practice, Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Opticians, Optometrists, Outpatient Hospital Providers, Personal Care Agencies, Physical Therapists, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Psychologists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Respiratory Therapists, Rural Health Clinics, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

In early 2005, Wisconsin Medicaid will accept prior authorization (PA) requests for additional service areas via the Medicaid Web site. Trainings on how to submit PA requests via the Web are scheduled for January and February 2005. Registration is required for the training sessions, but there is no registration fee for providers. Seating is limited so providers should register early.

**Web address:**

[dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/December\\_2004](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/December_2004)

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### Purchase Contracts Made for Hearing Aids

**To:** Audiologists, Hearing Instrument Specialists, Speech and Hearing Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

As a result of the Wisconsin biennial budget (2003 Wisconsin Act 33), which requires Wisconsin Medicaid to implement a volume purchase plan for durable medical equipment, Wisconsin Medicaid has signed volume purchase contracts with several hearing aid manufacturers. Effective for prior authorization (PA) requests received on and after January 1, 2005, Wisconsin Medicaid will approve specific hearing aid models. For the procedure codes listed in Attachment 1 of this Update, Wisconsin Medicaid will approve only the hearing aid models listed under each procedure code.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2005, PA is no longer required for the dispensing fee of any Medicaid-covered hearing aid. Providers are reminded that PA is required for the purchase of any hearing aid.

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### Change in Units When Billing for the Development of an Initial Care Plan for Prenatal Care Coordination

**To:** Prenatal Care Coordination Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs


This Update describes a change effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2005, when billing for the development of an initial care plan for prenatal care coordination.

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### Preferred Drug List Information for Prescribers

 Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Nursing Homes, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs


The Preferred Drug List will be expanded for Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare fee-for service and Wisconsin SeniorCare on January 1, 2005.

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### Preferred Drug List Information for Dispensing Providers

 Blood Banks, Dispensing Physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Preferred Drug List will be expanded for Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare fee-for service and Wisconsin SeniorCare on January 1, 2005.

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## Wisconsin Medicaid Accepts Bureau of Quality Assurance Individual Provider Status Variance for Certified Outpatient Mental Health Clinics

**To:** County Departments of Human Services Directors, County Mental Health Coordinators, Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinics, Tribal Chairpersons/Human Services Facilitators, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective immediately, when applying for Wisconsin Medicaid certification, certain individuals licensed by the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DR&L) may indicate their DR&L license number on the Wisconsin Medicaid certification packet. The license number is accepted in lieu of submitting the Individual Provider Status Approval letter for the following professionals only:

- Clinical social workers.
- Marriage and family therapists.
- Professional counselors.


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## HCPSC Codes Updates

 *General Updates* announcing the adoption of the 2005 HCPSC codes will be available on the Medicaid Web site by January 1, 2005.

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## Coverage of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Provided Via Telehealth

**To:** Adult Mental Health Day Treatment Providers, Child/Adolescent Day Treatment Providers, Community Support Programs, County Mental Health Coordinators, County Substance Abuse Coordinators, Crisis Intervention Providers, Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* explains Wisconsin Medicaid's requirements for coverage of mental health and/or substance abuse services provided via telehealth.

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## Change in Recertification Deadline for Specialized Medical Vehicle Providers

**To:** Specialized Medical Vehicle Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The recertification deadline for 2005 has been changed for specialized medical vehicle (SMV) providers. Wisconsin Medicaid requires SMV providers to accurately complete and return recertification packets by *March 31, 2005*.

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## What's New on the Medicaid and BadgerCare Web Sites

**To:** All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Web sites include provider and recipient publications, contacts and statistics, and eligibility and benefit information.

Providers may visit the Medicaid Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/). The BadgerCare Web site is located at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/).

The following is a list of recently added information:

- Monthly BadgerCare enrollment statistics.
- Monthly caseload statistics.
- December 2004 *Update* articles.
- Revised fee schedules.
- Proposed Medicaid hospital reimbursement rates for the rate year beginning July 1, 2004.
- Revised Chiropractic Services Handbook.
- Web PA Training Registration.
- Medicaid Pharmacy home page:
  - ✓ Brand Medically Necessary Drugs That Require Prior Authorization.
  - ✓ HealthCheck "Other Services" Covered by Wisconsin Medicaid Without Prior Authorization.
  - ✓ Legend Drug Maximum Allowed Cost List.
  - ✓ Over-the-Counter Maximum Allowed Cost List.
  - ✓ Letter regarding revision of approval criterion for certain brand medically necessary drugs.
  - ✓ Preferred Drug List.
  - ✓ Companion Document NCPDP 5.1 — Effective on and after 12/14/04.

Pharmacy providers are reminded that Wisconsin Medicaid no longer routinely mails revisions to the data tables on CD or paper. Changes and additions to the data tables will be available on the Medicaid Web site or by calling Provider Services.

Keep in mind that if you do not have a computer with Internet access, many libraries have access available.

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Providers without Internet access may call Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 to request copies of *Updates* in full-text. Allow seven to 10 days for delivery.